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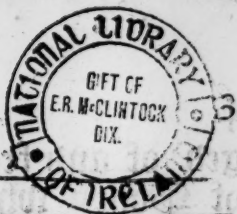
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An Act for the more Easy Discharging of Sheriffs upon their Accounts : And from being Justices of the Peace. C H A P. XIII.

**W**HEREAS Divers Sheriffs of Counties within this Kingdom of I R E L A N D, have been often Troubled and Vexed long time after they have Respectively passed their Accounts, and obtained their Quietus est; and Charged anew with Arrearages, Debts, and Sums of Money pretended to have been by them Levied or Received, and not by them formerly Accounted for, to the great Discouragement of others to take upon them the said Office. His Most Excellent Majesty is therefore Graciously pleased that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That all and every Sheriff or Sheriffs who already have passed their Accounts, and obtained their Quietus : And all and every Sheriff or Sheriffs who hereafter shall pass his or their Accounts, and have his or their Quietus est, that then and from thenceforth the said Sheriff and Sheriffs, his and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels are, and shall be Absolutely Dischar-





ged of and from all manner of Sum and Sums of Money which he or they shall have so Levied or Received, and pretended not to be Accounted for within the said Account whereupon he or they had his or their Quetus est, unless such Sheriff or Sheriffs, their Executors or Administrators have been or shall be called in Question for such Sum or Sums of Money to be Levied or Received, and not Accounted for within the space of Four Years after the time of such Account passed, and Quetus est obtained.

And that Every Officer or Minister that shall send out, or Cause to be sent out, any Writ or Process, or by whose Default any Writ or Process shall be sent out, Contrary to the Tenour of this Act, shall for Every such Offence forfeit and Pay to the Party Grieved, by such Writ or Process, the Sum of Forty Pounds, with his Costs and Damages the said Sum of Forty Pounds: And the said Costs and Damages to be Recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any of His Majesties Courts of Record at Dublin at the Election of the Plaintiffs or Prosecutors, wherein no Privilege, Protection, Essoyn, or Wager of Law shall be allowed to the Defendant.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Offender being three Times Lawfully Convicted of any such Offence or Offences, Contrary to the True Meaning of this Act, shall from and after such their said Conviction be utterly Disabled to hold or Execute by himself, his Deputy or Deputies any Office or Employment in any Court of Justice whatsoever.

And whereas Divers Persons being in Commission

mission of the Peace have been made Sheriffs or Sub-Sheriffs of the same County where they were in such Commission, or being Sheriffs or Sub-Sheriffs, have been after put into the Commission of the Peace in the County where they were Sheriff or Sub-Sheriffs; and have Exercised both the said Offices at once in the same County, which is found to be Inconvenient. For Remedy Whereof;

Be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons, having, Using or Exercising the Office of Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff, of or in any County or Counties, shall Use or Exercise the Office of Justice of the Peace in the same County or Counties where he or they shall be Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff, during the time that he or they shall Use or Exercise the said Office of Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff: And that all and Every Act and Acts to be Done, from and after the End of this present Sessions of Parliament, as a Justice of the Peace by any such Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff, during the time of his being Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff, shall be Void and of none Effect, and shall Lose and Forfeit for Every such Offence the sum of Twenty Pounds, one Moiety thereof to be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; the other Moiety to him who shall sue for and Recover the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majesties Courts of Record at Dublin, wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be Allowed.